DON'T BE SUSPICIOUS.

One Man Who Knows He Made a Failure as a Detective.

He Had an Interest in a Keg of Beer, and Didn't Get Ills Share, Hence the Discovery.

It doesn't do to be too suspicious. as a man found out once on one of the German liners, crossing from New York and calling at an English port.

On the German liners there is a custom which does not obtain on the English boats. As soon as the smoking room passengers get reasonably well acquainted with each other they make up a shake-purse, and a whole barrel of beer is brought up into the smoking room. A tub is set down in the center of the room and this barre is placed on end in the tub. Then silver pump is placed in the barrel. and until the beer runs out every habitue of the smoking-room gets as much as he wants.

There is generally somebody on board who thinks he doesn't get his of circumstances. fair share and Simkins, of Cincinnati, extensively, and if he subscribed to a parrel of beer he wanted to be certain that he got his percentage of it. He became very suspicious and hinted around that it was a wonder a barrel of beer of that size lasted such a short time for so few people. Then he set himself to watch the barrel. At last he made up his mind that in some way the stewards were in the habit of help ing themselves to the beer, probably when we had all gone to bed, or when we were down at dinner, for dinner is a very important function on the German steamers and takes something like two hours to accomplish.

Simkins set himself to watch, and in trying to eatch the stewarts at our you." barrel of beer after the rest had gone to bed. In that however, he was not successful, and so he came to the conclusion that the beer was stolen while we were at dinner. He resolved one fishy.' evening to miss his dinner in order, if possible, to catch the stewards stealing that your friend Dobbs never married.' the beer, and he made the expose very Mr. Gobbs-"Oh, you don't know dramatically.

One of the masts of the ship comes looks." up through the smoking room and behind it there is just room for a person to squeeze himself in against the wall. Here Simkins secreted himself, and he had not long to wait. Hardly had there at all. dinner been fairly started when one steward after another came in with a kiss)—"I did not know that your great tankard and began pumping out family copied the English customs. the beer. When they left with their Sweet Girl-"We don't, except a full tankards Simkins followed them. If he had not been so excited he would have noticed that stewards who were ting on since his accident?" Shebrilliantly lighted saloon where dinner was going on. But Simkins' suspicions had been pooh-poohed by everybody in the smoking room so much, and he was so anxious to prove himself right, that his good sense on this occasion seemed to forsake him, and so when the five or six stewards walked into the dining room Simkins marched after them, flourishing his hands above his bead and crying:

stealing our beer. Captain, I beg to I don't take any notice of it." lay information against these stewards. I saw them come up in the smoking taught to talk?" he asked. "I never room, each take a tankard of beer and come down here. I give these stew- plied. "I always wondered whether ards in charge for theft."

This was shouted in a stentorian voice.

The ladies, who didn't know anything about the beer, looked simply astonished at the outery, and thought Beggar -- Thats ter tip th' waiter." Simkins was an idiot-which indeed he was. The men, especially the married men, who didn't care for their wives to know that there was a whole barrel of black beer on tap in the smoking room, were visibly annoyed. The rest simply laughed. The stewards stood there with the foaming tankards in their hands, seemingly stupified, for didn't quite understand what the feet." | trouble was.

dignified German official, cast one be arranged satisfactorily." Hewithering look at Simpkins and then "When is the best time, dearest?" resumed his conversation with Count - "Well the Junta generally feels the von Vassenberg, who sat at his right best after dinner." band.

"I demand satisfaction," shouted Simkins, waving his hand.

ass of yourself-that is, any more than you can help, or any more than you have done already. We have each one ordered the beer from our steward. It is customary to have it sent down Nothing wrong, sir?" Chicago Manevery day at dinner. That's how you've missed your share. Sit down and have your dinner and order a tankard of beer for yourself."

There was a roar of laughter at this and Simkins, instead of sitting down, merely mopped his heated brow and hain't been standin' off sheriffs and fled from the saloon.

Simkins is out of the amateur detective business now.

A woman delights in a speaking acquaintance, especially if she is permitted to do most of the speaking.

WIT AND WISDOM.

It doesn't take many pints of whisky to make a peck of treuble.

A statesman can always get a pull by going to the dentist's office. Last year's resolutions are being

trotted out for half-sole and heel. When a rich man gives his money to public charity his poor relatives never applaud.

The debtor may have the consola tion of knowing that there is always

omebody thinking of him. A man will spend enough money warming himself by grog shop fires to buy out a coal and wood business.

Yabsley--- Does your wife ever choose your clothes for you?" Wickwire-"No; she merely picks the pock-

There are two kinds of dogs, the good kind which belongs to yourself and the worthless cur that is kept by your neighbor.

A man's character is like a photographic negative. It is a blank until it has been subjected to the chemistry

She-...Why is it so many people kill was one of these men. He came from themselves at Niagara?" He-"After a town where they make beer very they have had a back at it they have nothing left to live for."

> "Let's go into this restaurant and get something to eat." "But I'm not hungry." "That's no matter; you will be before you get anything."

> A young main street merchant has a queer paper-weight. It is the first biscuit his wife ever made after taking a dozen lessons in a cooking school.

> One of the specimens of Italian art conspicuous in this country is the facile dexterity by which short measure is given in a nickel's worth of peanuts.

Husband-"What in thunder is that child reaching out and yelling so for?" Wife-"He is probably looking for a missed a good number of hours' sleep collar-button. They say he takes after

New Clerk-"What do the jobbers mean by putting c. o. d. on all the packages they send us?" Jeweler-"I guess they think we are a little

Mrs. Gobbs-"I think it very strange Dobbs. He isn't half such a fool as he

A good many of the people who lie awake nights wondering what they will do when they get to Heaven will have to brace up or they will never get

Mr. Nicefellow (after a mistletoe Christmas."

He-Well, how is Mr. Jones get-They say he doesn't seem like himself." He-"Well, that must be comfort to his wife."

Hungry Guest-"How is this? I or dered a steak and a poached egg. I see the egg, but not the steak." Table attendant-"Dat's all right, sah. De steak am under de egg."

Master-"Mary, I wish you would be more careful. I am very sorry to hear my wife has to scold you so often. "Here, I have caught these stewards Mary-"Oh, don't you mind me, sir.

"Do you think that monkeys can b put the question that way," she rethey could be taught not to."

Beggar-"Please, sir, will you lend me a dime ter git somethin' ter cat?" Gentleman-"You've got a quarter in your hand now. What's that for?"

"I looks like a tramp, ma'am," he said, "but I ain't. I'm a sailor, ma'am. I was wrecked and washed ashore." "You ain't been washed since, I'll wager," said the unsympathetic wo-

Mr. N. Peck-"I should think you would be ashamed to wear the bair of their knowledge of English was not another woman on your head." Mrs. the very best in the world, as they N. Peck-"Shame yourself, for you only knew that there was a row on and wear the skin of another calf on your

She-"If you could only ask papa The captain, who was a grave and and mamma I'm sure everything could

"So they sent your poem back?" "Yes, but the editor gave me a very favorable criticism." "What did he One of the men rose up in his place say?" "He said he was glad to see and said: "Simkins, don't make an that I had at last learned to write only on one side of the paper."

Chicago Man-"I want to change my order for a linen duster, and order a fur-lined cont." Tailor-"Yes, sir. "Oh, no. I have just moved into a more northern part of the city."

Benzine Bill (the horse thief)-Salivation Army, 'er ye? Wal, ye needn't mind readin' yer warrant. I Injun police, detectives and reg'lars for seven years to be corraled by no Amazons, excuse me."

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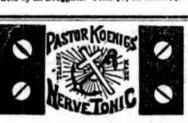
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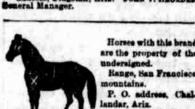






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